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City of Barrie

Final

Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 1, 2025 | **5:30 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee on May 14, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor S. Morales at 5:38 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 11 - Chair – Councillor S. Morales
Councillor, B. Hamilton
J. Bourne
N. Flinn
L. Hoffarth
K. MacLeod - SMDHU
D. McKeown - Nature Barrie
J. Northcote
S. Schwartz - Living Green
W. Steimle
D. Waters

Absent: 1 - E. vanWesenbeeck

STAFF:
Coordinator of Elections and Special Projects, T. McArthur
Manager of Energy Management, A. McMullin.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follows:

BARRIE SOLAR MAPPING PRESENTATION

Grant Rudachyk presented the possibility of the City of Barrie introducing an interactive solar mapping tool for residents to visualize rooftop solar potential.

Mr. Rudachy discussed the slides concerning the following topics:

- The purpose, background and potential tools and resources for an interactive mapping tool;
- Reasons to introduce an interactive solar mapping tool now;
- Solutions, information and tools other municipalities have implemented; and
- A list of solutions including appropriate report details, user interface, solution delivery speed, cost effectiveness and score.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of the presenter and received responses.

WORK PLAN REVIEW

Adam McMullin, Manager of Energy Management, updated the Committee on the work plan item to develop green development standards and a workshop or forum with developers to engage the community. He advised that it is premature to proceed with the idea of a workshop or a forum at this time, as he continues to investigate the development of green development standards.

Mr. McMullin mentioned that he would continue investigating the best approach to engage with the development community and report back to the Committee once more information becomes available.

The Committee discussed Mr. McMullin's comments and provided feedback on hosting workshops or forums to see what the industry is doing about green development standards.

UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS:

a) Circular Economy

The Circular Economy Working Group provided updates on their investigations and results related to reusable plastics (cups and containers) and the Repair Café events.

The Working Group discussed the results from the survey conducted of Barrie restaurants and other eating places in the City related to the usage of reusable cups and containers. They provided examples of other municipalities that have a single-use plastic by-law and policies.

The Committee discussed ideas to promote and educate residents, businesses and City Council to support this initiative.

The Working Group discussed the results from the Repair Café held on April 5, 2025, related to the individuals that attended the event, the types of items repaired and the marketing and media coverage. They

advised that the Repair Café was well attended and received good feedback from the attendees. The Working Group advised that they will continue working with Living Green to expand the Repair Café to other locations and promote this initiative.

b) Building, Energy and Housing

There was no update provided.

c) Food Production and Security

There was no update provided.

d) Active and Non-Active Transportation

The Working Group provided an update related to the City's bike lanes. They advised that many bike lanes don't meet the current standards for active transportation. Councillor Morales commented that the bike lanes met the active transportation standards when constructed. The Wording Group advised that when speaking with City staff, bike lanes constructed on new roadways are designed with the current standards.

e) Environment and Nature

There was no update provided.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

CHAIRMAN